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**GOVERNOR NEILL SMITH BROWN
(1810-1886)
PAPERS
1847-1849**

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor Neill Smith Brown, who served from 1847-1849. It consists of two boxes, in twenty-two folders, of materials that consist of correspondence, petitions for pardons, and miscellaneous materials.

There are no restrictions on the use of the materials and researchers may make copies of individual items for individual or scholarly use.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Governor Neill Smith Brown

1810, April 18	Born near Pulaski, Tennessee. His parents, Duncan and Margaret (Smith) Brown, immigrated from Robertson, North Carolina to Tennessee in 1809.
1834	Admitted to the bar and began his legal practice in Pulaski.
1835	Opened a law office in Matagordo, Texas, but soon returned to Tennessee.
1837	Elected to State Legislature.
1838	Served with the Tennessee troops against the Florida Seminoles.
1839	Married Mary Ann Trimble, daughter of Judge Trimble.
1847	Elected governor of Tennessee. Defeated for reelection in 1849.
1850	Served as minister to Russia for three years.
1856	Due to the disintegration of the Whig Party, Brown took little part in political activity after this date.
1862	Following the capture of Nashville by Union forces, Brown was imprisoned for awhile by Andrew Jackson, the military governor.
1870	Served as a delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention.
1886, January 30	Died in Nashville, Tennessee.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

1. Correspondence – Governor Brown, 1847-1848
2. Correspondence – General-Answoth-Williams 1847
3. Correspondence –General-Adkins-Livingston 1848
4. Correspondence –General-McKinney-Yeaton 1848
5. Correspondence –General-Aperanthy-Leatherman 1849
6. Correspondence –General-Mason-Zollicoffer 1849
7. Correspondence –General-Re: Commissioners of Deeds Anthony-Westmore 1849
8. Miscellaneous Correspondence –General-Abernathy-White 1847-1848
9. Miscellaneous Correspondence –General-Austin-Stephens 1849
10. Correspondence –Miscellaneous and undated-Brown-Thurnland
11. Legislative Addresses – 1848

BOX 2

1. Petitions for appointment to positions – 1848-1849
2. Petitions for Pardon – Ben-Par – 1847
3. Petitions for Pardon – Cal-Wat – 1848
4. Petitions for Pardon – Alc-Win – 1849
5. Pardons – Bal-Wil – 1847
6. Pardons – Bla-Pet – 1848
7. Pardons – Dav-Sta – 1849
8. Requisitions – 1848-1849
9. Resolutions – 1848-1849
10. Rewards – 1847-1848
11. Miscellaneous Material – 1847-1849

NAME INDEX

This index contains names of persons holding influential positions during the period. In some instances, however, correspondence is included because the content is important enough to warrant attention in the index. The figures in the parentheses immediately following each name denote the total number of letters in the folder from that person. The identification of the writer and the site from where the letters were written included whenever possible.

Box 1, Folder 2, 1847

Banks, Enoch (1) Mayor, Memphis, Tennessee.

Zollicoffer, F. (1) Comptroller, State Treasury, Nashville

Box 1, Folder 3, 1848

Brown, Aaron V. (2) Former Governor of Tennessee, Nashville.

Dodge, Henry (1) Governor of Wisconsin, Madison.

Harris, Isham G. (1) Brig. General, 18th Brig., Paris, Tennessee

Jones, James C. (1) Former Governor of Tennessee

Box 1, Folder 4, 1848

Taylor, Zachery (1) President United States, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Box 1, Folder 5, 1849

Bell, John (2) Tennessee Congressman, Washington D.C.

Brown, John C. (3) Brother of Neill Brown. Pulaski.

Campbell, W.B. (1) Governor of Tennessee. Gainesboro, Tennessee

Box 1, Folder 6, 1849

Towns, George W. (1) Governor of Georgia, Milledgeville, Georgia

Zollicoffer, F.K. (1) Comptroller, State Treasury, Nashville